

Kyu examination regulations for Bujinkan Budo Taijutsu

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Preliminary note:

The Kyu examination regulations ensure a reproducibility of Kyu-grade independent from the examiner.

Who has not passed any testing wears a white belt (10th Kyu). After passing the first test successfully, men usually wear a green belt and women usually a red belt. Both sexes are free to choose their preferred colour. The actual grade (9th through 1st Kyu) is shown by stars above the Bujin-patch.

Each individual test requires the contents of the lower tests. The test-contents can be requested in any order by the tester. The higher the grading, the better the techniques have to be performed.

Who severely injures someone, does not pass the test.

Minimum distance between two testings is 3 months.

十級 Jukyu (10th Kyu)

Belt: White belt.
Patch: Bujinkan-patch in white writing.
Comments: Is not tested.

九級 Kukyu (9th Kyu)

Belt: Green or red belt.
Patch: Bujinkan-patch in white writing, no star.
Knowledge: Legal aspects of self-defence, emergency assistance, and commensurability;
Fundamental terms / behaviour: Dojo Rei, counting in Japanese from 1 through 10, tying Obi (belt), „Yamme“;
Junan Taiso (warming up).
Rolling: Rolling on padded ground: Zempo Kaiten, Sokuho Kaiten, and Koho Kaiten; Yoko Nagare.
Kata: Kamae no Kata;
Ichimonji Kata (Kihon Happo 1);
Hicho Kata (Kihon Happo 2);
Omote Gyaku Kata (Kihon Happo 4).
Defence: Jodan Uke (upward block);
Gedan Uke (downward block).
Striking techniques: Fudo ken (closed fist);
Shuto (edge of the hand).
Kicking techniques: Zempo Geri (forward kick);
Sokuho Geri (sideways kick).

八級 Hachikyu (8th Kyu)

Belt:	Green or red belt.
Patch:	Bujinkan-patch in white writing, one silverstar above.
Knowledge:	Effects of applied techniques.
Fall:	Breakfalls on padded ground (Ukemi):forward, backward ,and sideways.
Kata:	Chi No Kata (Sanshin No Kata 1); Sui No Kata (Sanshin No Kata 2); Ka No Kata (Sanshin No Kata 3); Ura Gyaku No Kata (Kihon Happo 6); Omote Gyaku Soshite Tsuki Kata (Kihon Happo 5).
Striking techniques:	Shikan Ken (knuckle strike); San-Shitanken (three-finger-strike).
Throws:	Osoto Nage / Osoto Gake (outside-throw).

七級 Nanakyu (7th Kyu)

Belt:	Green or red belt.
Patch:	Bujinkan-patch in white writing, two silverstars above.
Moving methods:	Roppo Tobi (6-way leaping and rotary leaping); O-Ten (handspring sideways); Ho Ko Jutsu (walking techniques): Soku Shin So Soku Ho (sideways running), Hyo Jo Ho Ko (running on slick surfaces), Mu On No Ho (silent running).
Kata:	Jumonji No Kata (Kihon Happo 3); Ganseki Nage (Kihon Happo 8).
Defence:	Ken Kudaki (punch break).
Grab escapes:	Te Hodoki (wrist grabbing).
Striking techniques:	Shako Ken (handclaw); Boshiken (thumb fist).

六級 Rokkyu (6th Kyu)

Belt:	Green or red belt.
Patch:	Bujinkan-patch in white writing, three silverstars above.
Rolling:	Kaiten without using hands; Kaiten while picking up an item.
Moving methods:	O Ten (handspring on one hand); Sho Ten No Jutsu (vertical running).
Kata:	Fu No Kata (Sanshin No Kata 4); Ku No Kata (Sanshin No Kata 5).
Joint locks:	Muso Dori (elbow lock).
Body grab escapes:	Taihodoki (body grabbing).
Kicking techniques:	Koho Geri (backward kick).
Throws:	Itami Nage (painful throw).
Armed techniques:	Hanbo Jutsu (Kamae and basic techniques against an unarmed attacker).

五級 Gokyu (5th Kyu)

Belt: Green or red belt.
Patch: Bujinkan-patch in white writing, four silverstars above.
Fall: Flying breakfall left and right.
Rolling: Hitting while rolling (with partner).
Kata: Musha Dori (Kihon Happo 7).
Striking techniques: Shuki Ken (elbow strike);
Tai Ken (body strike).
Joint locks: Hon Gyaku (wrist lock sideways).
Throws: Harai Goshi (hip sweep).
Armed techniques: Muto Dori (unarmed blade evasion):
Hira No Kamae,
Ichimonji No Kamae,
Jumonji.

四級 Yonkyu (4th Kyu)

Belt: Green or red belt.
Patch: Bujinkan-patch in white writing, one goldstar above.
Striking techniques: Koppo Ken (knuckle strike);
Sokki Ken (knee strike).
Kicking techniques: Kata Ashi Tobi Keri (leaping kick with one foot);
Kakushi Geri (hidden kick).
Defence: Keri Kudaki (defence against kicks).
Joint locks: Omote Oni Kudaki (outside arm-lock).
Throws: Haneage (upwards snapping leg).
Armed techniques: Kusari Fundo Jutsu (basic rope strikes without a partner and against a target).

三級 Sankyu (3. Kyu)

Belt: Green or red belt.
Patch: Bujinkan-patch in white writing, two goldstars above.
Striking techniques: Shitan Ken (fingertip strike).
Kicking techniques: Ryo Ashi Keri (double footed kick).
Joint locks: Ura Oni Kudaki (inside arm-lock).
Throws: Ryu Sui Iki (sacrifice drops):
Tomoe Nage (head throw),
Tachi Nagare (body drop),
Yoko Nagare (sideward drop),
Te Makura („hand-pillow throw“),
Kuruma (roll with Tomoe Nage / „wheel“);
Koshi Kudaki (counter-throw).
Armed techniques: Ken Jutsu (Kamae and basic cuts from different Kamae).

二級 Nikyu (2nd Kyu)

Belt:	Green or red belt.
Patch:	Bujinkan-patch in white writing, three goldstars above.
Striking techniques:	Happa Ken (pressure strike).
Joint locks:	Ura Take Ori / Omote Take Ori (wrist lock / „breaking bamboo“).
Throws:	Gyaku Nage (Joint-lock-throw).
Würgetechniken:	Shime Waza Go Kata (five chokes): Hon Jime (basic choke), Gyaku Jime (reversed choke), Itami Jime (painful choke), Sankaku Jime (triangle choke), Do Jime (torso choke).
Suwari Kata:	Techniques while sitting; Shikko (walk upon knees).
Armed techniques:	Ken Jutsu inklusive Shoto (basic techniques): Placing Shoto and Daito into the belt; Kenjutsu Shinobi Iai (pulling out), Nouto (putting in).

一級 Ikkyu (1st Kyu)

Belt:	Green or red belt.
Patch:	Bujinkan-patch in white writing, four goldstars above.
Knowledge:	Kyusho (Atemi Jutsu in use); Metsubushi (using blinding-powder).
Kata:	Henka von Torite Kihon Kata Goho (Variations of Kihon Happa 4 through 8).
Striking techniques:	Shishin Ken (one-finger-strike).
Kicking techniques:	Soku Gyaku Geri (snapping kick).
Joint locks:	O Gyaku (twist arm to the back / „turnaround“).
Throws:	Uchimata Uchigake (inside throw); Taki Otoshi (cataract drop).
Armed techniques:	Bo Jutsu (Kamae and basic strikes).